

# ENFORCE

# LAND DISPOSAL

**GROUP:** LAND DISPOSAL

**MEASURE:** ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

**MESSAGE:** Enforcement response focused on informal enforcement.

**MEASUREMENTS:**

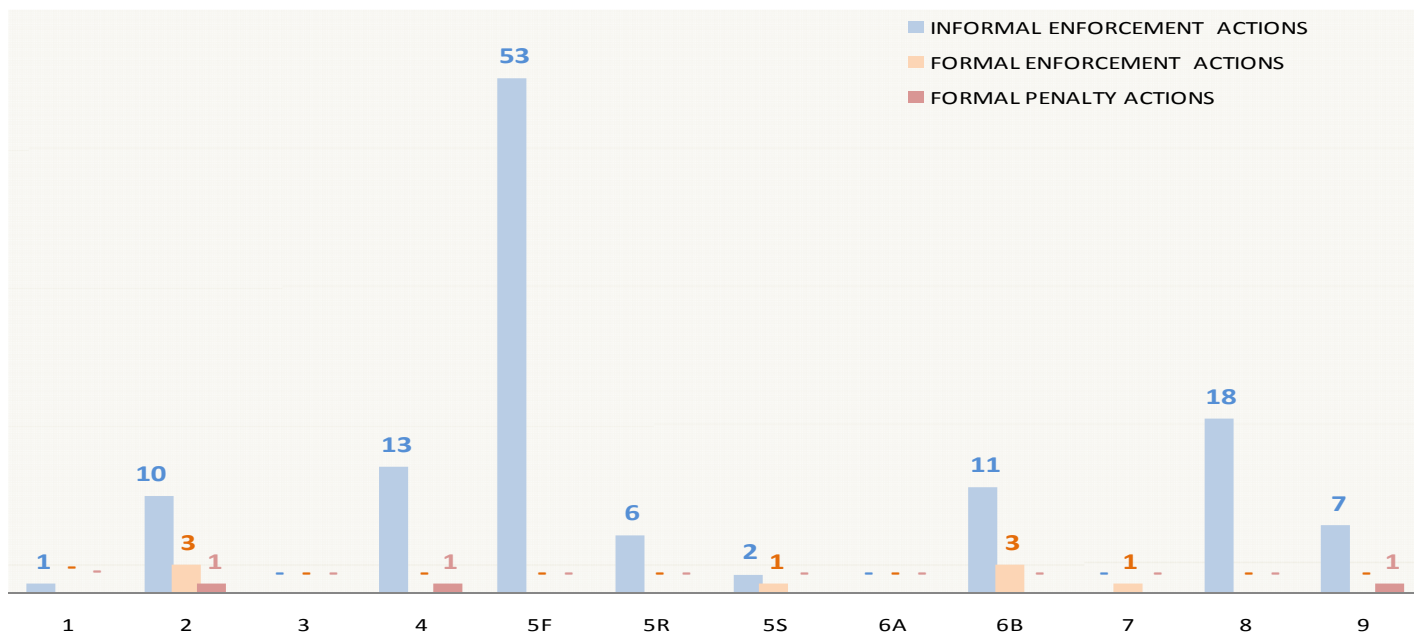
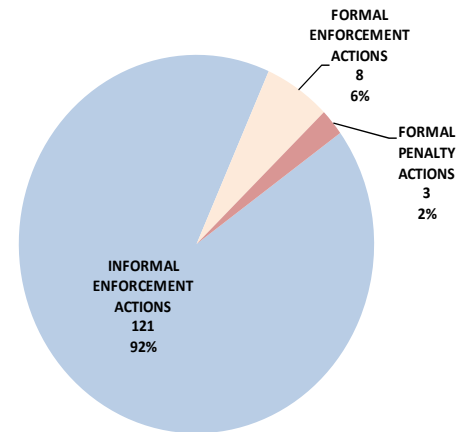
*KEY STATISTICS FOR FY 2008-09*

NUMBER OF INFORMAL ACTIONS\*: 121

NUMBER OF FORMAL ACTIONS\*\*: 8

NUMBER OF PENALTY ACTIONS: 3

Region	Informal Enforcement	Formal Enforcement	Formal Penalty Enforcement	Total Enforcement Actions
1	1	-	-	1
2	10	3	1	14
3	-	-	-	-
4	13	-	1	14
5	61	1	-	62
6	11	3	-	14
7	-	1	-	1
8	18	-	-	18
9	7	-	1	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>132</b>



**WHAT THE MEASURE IS SHOWING:**

The level and type of enforcement is similar among the regional boards for those facilities discharging under the WDR Land Disposal program. Most of the regional boards are issuing informal actions and four of them issued a formal action that requires compliance with requirements. Three regions issued penalty actions.

**WHY THIS MEASURE IS IMPORTANT:**

Enforcement plays a significant role in the Water Boards' strategies to protect water quality and represents a significant amount of work for both the State and Regional Boards. Enforcement deters potential violators and protects public health and the environment. Enforcement can prevent threatened pollution from occurring and can promote prompt cleanup and correction of existing pollution problems. The Water Boards use progressive enforcement by addressing some violations with an informal response such as a phone call or staff enforcement letter followed, if needed, with a more formal action. If violations continue, the enforcement response should be quickly escalated to increasingly more formal and serious actions until compliance is achieved. This measure displays the use of formal versus informal actions to address documented violations.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Data Source: CIWQS. Period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Extracted on August 15, 2009.
- Unit of Measure: Number of enforcement actions issued during FY 08-09.
- Data Definitions: **Informal enforcement:** any communication from that notifies the discharger of a problem (\* for reporting purposes it includes 13267 letters and notices to comply). **Formal enforcement:** administrative or judicial actions that impose sanctions and/or require compliance where a hearing is available to contest the allegations (\*\* for reporting purposes it does not include Administrative Civil Liabilities actions). **Formal Penalty enforcement:** includes Administrative Civil Liability actions and any other monetary assessment imposed.
- References: More information on the Water Boards' Land Disposal program is available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/land\\_disposal/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/land_disposal/index.shtml)
- Public reports and data are available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.shtml)
- Enforcement and compliance assurance information is available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/)
- The Water Boards' enforcement policy is also available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans\\_policies/docs/wqep.doc](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/docs/wqep.doc)

**GLOSSARY:****Land Disposal**

The Land Disposal program regulates waste discharge to land for treatment, storage and disposal in waste management units. Waste management units include waste piles, surface impoundments, and landfills. California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 23, (Chapter 15) contains the regulatory requirements for hazardous waste. CCR Title 27, contains the regulatory requirements for wastes other than hazardous waste.